

FIGHTS DEVILFISH IN VESSEL'S HOLD

DIVER ATTACKED BY GIANT SEA MONSTER UNDER THIRTY FEET OF WATER.

HACKS FOE WITH AX AND KNIFE

Finally Drives Blade Into Head of Octopus and Is Pulled to Surface Fainting and Nearly Crushed to Death.

San Francisco.—The story of a life-and-death struggle that recalls Victor Hugo's "Tollers of the Sea" has just been brought to this city. Wrapped in the tentacles of a giant devilfish Martin Lund, a diver employed by the Coast Wrecking Company, fought four hours against incarceration in the hold of the wrecked steamer Pomona which lies in 30 feet of water in Fort Ross cove off the Marin county coast. Lund arrived here after an experience which comes to few men and he will take a prolonged vacation before again donning diving dress.

The devilish had evidently entered the vessel's hold during the night, and Lund was at work some time before he became aware of its presence. A giant tentacle, four inches in diameter, first gripped one leg. Before Lund could realize what had happened an other had encircled his thigh.

The diver began to chop frantically at the rubberlike bonds and at the same time signaled to the batteau above that he wished to ascend. Unable to free himself in time, two more tentacles appeared up at the darkness and one twined about his neck. The efforts of the men on the surface to comply with his signal threatened to pull his helmet off and he was forced to signal them to desist.

With only one left arm free, Lund hacked at the tentacles until they were partly crippled. But he was being drawn toward the deadly break when he saw the outline of the devilfish's body. Fountaining suddenly toward

COW BUTTS POST; TAIL SEVEN INCHES LONGER

REMARKABLE YARN FROM MICHIGAN TOWN WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE.

Gatesburg, Mich.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stenders, who reside just over the line in Charleston township, was playing about the doorway the other day and, spying the gate of the barnyard open, wandered through it into treacherous territory.

As the child is only four years of age his judgment has not matured, and when he saw one of the young cows lying down, his childish wonder led him to come upon his death. Then the animal came to, and with a lightning speed dashed to the gate and through it.

So far as present knowledge would seem to have inspired the boy as he



The Frightened Child Seized the Animal's Horns.

at once seized the animal's horns one with each chubby hand, and down the steep hill while the cow dashed madly down the road to the home of a neighbor from whom she had been purchased. There the barn door was open and through it she ran, striking her head against an upright beam with such terrific force that she was instantly killed, dropping dead in her tracks.

Fortunately for the little passenger the animal stopped before it ran upon the rocks and the woodsy ravine so swift to find a resting place beneath layman's boughs.

Some idea of the force of the impact of the cow's head against the granite boulders can be gained from the fact that upon examination her brain was found to completely disintegrated, as if to penetrate the soft rock along which

DOG SAVES MATE IN WELL

Carries Feed for Nearly a Month to Impoverished Canine.

of the world. Their master, who owned a farm south of New Haven, lost a mare and a yearling mule, and, to get rid of these useless animals, put his pack animal on the railroad's long distance. Just when he had accomplished his task, he turned his horse loose to the master. Instead of returning to the dinner-table round the corner he went to the kitchen and began to eat. The dog trotted along for a mile and stood at the edge of an embankment in the stream bed over the edge of the well, whereon he held a meal of corn, and rolled his dog meat back to the dog. The two dogs ate a bath of water in the well, but the animal would have starved to death had it not been for the other.

The master was in great commotion, but could do nothing but to have the animal taken to a house supplied with food for nearly a month.

Mules Battle Thieves.

New York.—A dinner bell, rung insistently by Miss C. H. Mizell, noted as a very efficient burglar alarm, which thieves attempted to steal a pair of valuable mules from the barn on her husband's farm at Astor, this county. A mistake the thieves made was their failure to gag the long-eared animals. Mrs. Mizell was alone with her children when she heard the mules baying loudly, and suspected at once that something was wrong.

Grabbing the rope attached to the dinner bell on the peak of the roof she pulled it until her husband and neighbors came running in. They found the mules standing in the road where they had been derailed by the thieves, who were frightened off by the alarm.

Value of Education.

A man carries his own luck and the best tool he can use is a good education. It never grows dull, but is always bright and sharp for his purpose. When others fail or become rusty it always can be relied upon to do its work.

EX-MAYOR OF NEW YORK



Seth Low, mayor of Greater New York for the two-year term beginning January 1, 1902, has a national reputation as an educator, being president of Columbia University. He was mayor of Brooklyn from 1889 to 1891. Mr. Low was a delegate to the Hague Peace conference in 1899. He is 55 years of age.

GO AFTER TREASURE

ENGLISH COMPANY IS SEEKING \$2,500,000 IN GOLD.

Novel Machine Perfected by Which It Is Hoped to Recover Vast Sum Known to Be in Ocean's Depths.

LONDON.—To the mouth of the River Colne, off Brightlingsea, an extract dinner machine has been towed and anchored. It is to be used in a final attempt to recover the \$2,500,000 treasure of gold in coins and bars, which is said to have gone down in H. M. S. Leander in 1797 near the Coast of Frieschelling, off the coast of Holland.

A portion of the treasure has been recovered, but any salvaging apparatus is now useless as the treasure has gone deep into the sand. The new device is a great steel tube nearly 300 feet in length and wide enough to allow a man to walk erect down its center. At one end is a massive chamber provided with windows and doors and at the other a massive steel hatch. The apparatus has just been completed, after years of work by Foster & Co., shipbuilders, in their Wyke-ho-yard.

The end of the tube, exploded a member of the firm, will be lowered to the side of a sunken ship or boat. The other end by means of water can last ten minutes, will be sunk until it touches the bottom. Then by means of compressed air all the water will be forced from the tube and after this the chamber at the bottom will be flooded with the bed of the sea.

Divers will swim down a ladder in the center of the tube until they reach the submerged chamber. These they will enter their diving vestments and opening a series of watertight doors will step straight out into the water. Engineers will be placed in the chamber and informing the passengers of the dive, who will communicate with them by means of portable telephones, they will operate the mechanism of two powerful suction pumps or dredges which are fitted to the sides of the tube.

These dredges, it is hoped, will suck away the silt around the sides of the broken chamber until it gradually sinks by its own weight right down to the deck of the wrecked ship.

Then the divers, making their way from the chamber to the deck of the ship and thence to the hold will be able to transfer the treasure from the ship to the chamber by easy stages.

In connection with the attempted salvage, an official of Lloyd's explained, "An arrangement exists whereby the salvors if they do bring up the sunken treasure will receive an adequate reward for their arduous work."

"Unlike many tales of treasure upon the seabed, there is no doubt at all that the gold coins and ingots are in the hold of the Leander. Before the ship sailed upon her ill-fated voyage a list was compiled of the bullion she

FRUIT EATING BATS

QUEER CREATURE FOUND IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Refugee Soldier Tells of Shooting Combination of Bird and Beast Unlike Anything He Has Ever Seen.

La Union, Philippines.—A soldier who came to safety in the Philippines in 1900 says he has seen a queer combination of bird and beast, like nothing he has ever seen. The creature is about the size of a sparrow hawk, with a long beak, a short tail, a long neck, and a dark red plumage. It has a long, pointed beak, like a hawk's, and a long, pointed tail, like a bird's. Its wings are long and strong, like a hawk's, and its legs are long and strong, like a bird's. Its eyes are large and black, like a hawk's, and its claws are long and sharp, like a bird's. Its feathers are dark red, like a hawk's, and its skin is smooth, like a bird's. Its beak is long and strong, like a hawk's, and its tail is long and strong, like a bird's. Its wings are long and strong, like a hawk's, and its legs are long and strong, like a bird's. Its eyes are large and black, like a hawk's, and its claws are long and sharp, like a bird's. 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